

March 29, 1993

Assemblyman John Vasconcellos
Chair, Assembly Ways and Means Committee
6026 Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Assembly Vasconcellos:

I don't know if you remember me, but I was a Business Agent for District Lodge No. 93 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in the late 1960's. I was transferred to Washington, D.C. to become the Director of the I.A.M.'s Legislative and Political Action Department. All this time, I maintained my voting residence in San Jose and I am still a registered voter in San Jose and have been retired since May 01, 1992.

I write this to you to identify myself to you.

However, the main reason I am writing to you is to oppose Assembly Bill 13.

I am sure that you have already been given many reasons why this bill should not be passed or become law by other Union officials in California, so I won't bore you with these details.

What I would like to point out to you is the National AFL-CIO's position on this subject, a copy of which I have enclosed.

You must realize that we in the labor movement must represent all workers, smokers and non-smokers alike. We have had to deal with this problem and others like it for a long time. We have found the best way to deal with the problem of smoking in the work place is on a case by case basis with the problem being worked out between the workers, their representatives, and management. In that way we can represent the interests of smokers and non-smokers alike.

I would draw your attention especially to paragraph five of the "Statement of the AFL-CIO Executive Council on Smoking and the Workplace" and in particular to the sentence that states "The AFL-CIO believes that issues related to smoking on the job can best be worked out voluntarily in individual work places between labor and management in the manner that protects the interests and rights of all workers and not by legislative mandate.

I would like to know your thoughts on this subject. You can write to me at:
1944 Jonathan Avenue San Jose, CA 95125.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Boyette

